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Office Action Summary

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KOZIKOWSKI ET AL.

Examiner

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 26 April 2010.
2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-71 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) 5-23 and 57-71 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
6) ☐ Claim(s) 1-4 and 24-56 is/are rejected.
7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/GS/US)
4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
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DETAILED ACTION

1. Applicant's election of Group I, claims 1-4, 24-56 in the reply filed on apr. 26, 2010 is acknowledged. Because applicant did not distinctly and specifically point out the supposed errors in the restriction requirement, the election has been treated as an election without traverse (MPEP § 818.03(a)).

The requirement is still deemed proper and is therefore made FINAL.

Claims 1-4, 24-56 are prosecuted. Claims 5-23, 57-71 are withdrawn from consideration per 37 CFR 1.142(b).

2. Claims 27-29, 32-34, 38-40, 43-45, 49-51, 54-56 recites the limitation "halophenyl" or "3-chlorophenyl" for moiety R3. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the base claim. Please note that the description for aryl did not include substituted phenyl.

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1-4, 27-28, 35 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being clearly anticipated by Jones et al. CA134:100766.

See RN 100829-98-8 anticipated formula I when

R2 is H,

R3 is aryl,

R4 is H

X is SO₂,

n=m=1, R1=H

4. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claim 25-26, 36-39, 47-50 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over WO01/004093 (recited on 1449).

The anticipatory species has been delineated supra by CAS. The difference between the dependent claims and the anticipatory species is that the R2 is methyl instead of hydrogen. Generically, the '093 reference disclosed that the R moiety of the formula 3 (p.3) is optionally alkyl. Picking an alternative species over the genus guided by the explicitly example is prima facie obvious. In re Lemin 141 USPQ 814.

5. Claims 1-4, 24-56 are rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-16 of U.S. Patent No. 7,517,892. Although the conflicting claims are not identical, they are not patentably distinct from each other because the issue claims have more limited scope in the Markush elements of the instant claims with generic teaching that Z can be optionally S, SO or SO₂. The issued patent generically disclosed position isomers i.e. R3 is at 3-position instead of the instant claims which are 4-R3 substituted. Position isomers have long been set forth by the court to be prima facie structurally obvious in absence of unexpected results. See In re Mehta 146 USPQ 284

"...position isomerism is a fact of close structural similarity which is taken into consideration with all other relevant facts in applying test of obviousness under 35 U.S.C. 103; it is closeness of relationship rather than mere name or position number which is significant and which gives rise to inference that compound is obvious; however, compound is not merely a structural formula; its properties as part of the whole must be considered; similarity of properties of reference compound as compared with claimed compound gives rise to stronger inference of obviousness than that of structural similarity alone, and conversely, where properties are different, they imply nonobviousness, when they are unexpected."

The nonstatutory double patenting rejection is based on a judicially created doctrine grounded in public policy (a policy reflected in the statute) so as to prevent the unjustified or improper timewise extension of the "right to exclude" granted by a patent and to prevent possible harassment by multiple assignees. A nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting rejection is appropriate where the conflicting claims are not identical, but at least one examined application claim is not patentably distinct from the reference claim(s) because the examined application claim is either anticipated by, or would have been obvious over, the reference claim(s). See, e.g., *In re Berg*, 140 F.3d 1428, 46 USPQ2d 1226 (Fed. Cir. 1998); *In re Goodman*, 11 F.3d 1046, 29 USPQ2d 2010 (Fed. Cir. 1993); *In re Longi*, 759 F.2d 887, 225 USPQ 645 (Fed. Cir. 1985); *In re Van Ornum*, 686 F.2d 937, 214 USPQ 761 (CCPA 1982); *In re Vogel*, 422 F.2d 438, 164 USPQ 619 (CCPA 1970); and *In re Thorington*, 418 F.2d 528, 163 USPQ 644 (CCPA 1969).

A timely filed terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c) or 1.321(d) may be used to overcome an actual or provisional rejection based on a nonstatutory double patenting ground provided the conflicting application or patent either is shown to be commonly owned with this application, or claims an invention made as a result of activities undertaken within the scope of a joint research agreement.

Effective January 1, 1994, a registered attorney or agent of record may sign a terminal disclaimer. A terminal disclaimer signed by the assignee must fully comply with 37 CFR 3.73(b).

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Celia Chang, Ph. D. whose telephone number is 571-272-0679. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Thursday from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Janet L. Andres, Ph. D., can be reached on 571-272-0867. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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